



The News

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Bernard Laporte is no longer the president of the French Rugby Federation. He has announced his resignation. The former coach of the XV de France had already withdrawn after being convicted for corruption last month. He had then proposed the name of Patrick Buisson to replace him, but the majority of amateur clubs rejected this nomination yesterday - A rejection which therefore pushes Bernard Laporte to resign. The treasurer Alexandre Martinez will be the interim president.

The 100€ fuel allowance for low-income workers who drive to work is paid from today. This aid is accessible to ten million households, yet only three million people have claimed it according to the Minister of the Economy Bruno Le Maire. Latecomers have until February 28 to make their request. This bonus is meant to compensate for the end of the 10 cents discount at the pump.

In full mobilization against the pension reform, Olivier Dussopt criticizes the decision of certain town halls to close next Tuesday for the day of strike. Several town halls, including that of Paris will not open in order to allow agents to demonstrate. For the Minister of Labour, this poses a problem of neutrality. Olivier Dussopt considers that citizens should not suffer from the political commitment of their mayor. This call to close town halls has been launched by the National Secretary of the Communist Party, Fabien Roussel.

And the CGT announces that it threatened actions yesterday in the energy sector, in Lille, Nantes, Lyon and Nice. These actions include free gas or electricity for schools or hospitals , or the restoration of power for certain users. The actions were voted by the strikers at general meetings. As for targeted cuts, the hypothesis is still being discussed.

And then the French handball team is in the semi-finals of the world championship this evening. Les Bleus will play against Sweden, in Stockholm. It is the Swedish team which had deprived the Les bleus of the final at the world championship 2021 and at the 2022 Euro. The time for revenge has come. Kick-off 9 p.m.